

## THEY CONFESS.

Commissioners State That Reed Is Going Ahead

WITH THE INDEX SYSTEM.

They Assert That He is About to Proceed With the Work and Call on the Prosecutor to Get Them Out of Trouble.

An honest public is about to get its dues. The county commissioners have fallen out. Commissioner Summer had something lodged up his sleeve when he came in this morning. He had heard, through the medium of the News-Democrat that Joe Reed and the National Index Company were about to carry out a contract with the commissioners to unload a system of indexing on this county that is not needed and expensive to the extent of \$40,000. He had signed with the other, but he saw the public was not favorably disposed to the plan and got in out of the wet. He offered the following resolution.

Whereas, The National Index Co., of Columbus, Ohio, claims to hold a contract with the commissioners of Stark county, Ohio, for furnishing the books necessary for indexing the records of said county, and

Whereas, Joseph A. Reed claims to hold a contract with the commissioners of said county for the indexing of the records in the office of the recorder of said county, and

Whereas, The said Joseph A. Reed, unknown to us and contrary to our orders, has fitted up an office in the court house of said county and is about to begin the indexing of said aforesaid records, and

Whereas, Whatever rights the said National Index Co., and the said Joseph A. Reed may have to base such claim upon where procured by gross misrepresentation of the facts in the case, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the commissioners no contract ever did nor does now exist with The National Index Co., or the said Joseph A. Reed,

Therefore Be It Resolved, By the commissioners of Stark county, Ohio, in regular session assembled that we hereby instruct, direct and empower the prosecuting attorney of said county immediately to begin such legal proceedings as are necessary to prevent the aforesaid parties from going forward with said indexing or incurring any liability for which the county may be held, and from occupying any part of the court house or using any of the books or other property belonging to the county.

The resolution was put to a vote. Summer moved that it be adopted and Johnson seconded the motion. On the vote Crawford and Summer voted aye and Johnson no. It was a dead forenoon for Mr. Crawford. He had been in the habit, according to his own statement, of doing what "the other fellows" wanted him to do, and now the other fellows were divided he had to take some action on some plan or another. He voted in favor of the resolution. Whether he did it because it is illegal is not known. It was about an illegal matter, and it is difficult to see how Crawford's vote on one illegal matter makes his vote on the other legal. If the contract with the Index company is not good, why rescind it? Crawford says that the contract is not legal because it was not on the minutes. Is the rescinding resolution on the minutes? Some time after it had been passed Audi or Reed knew nothing about it. The law says on this point:

Section 1021, R. S. O.—"The auditor, by virtue of his office, shall be the secretary of the county commissioners, except as otherwise provided by law; he shall keep an accurate record of all their proceedings and shall carefully preserve all documents, books, records, maps and papers required to be deposited and kept in his office."

The auditor did not record anything about this transaction nor about the contract that called it forth. Still, Joe Reed has a contract with the county to do that indexing, and the \$40,000 goes with it. If the prosecutor acts on the authority that Commissioner Summer has placed in his hand, the county will have a long law suit on hand and a long bill of costs. Besides, it is not seen how the courts can interfere with the carrying out of a contract duly signed. Some bluff may be made at it, but it will be for political effect. The county will lose \$40,000 as the case now stands, and that is the way it will stand after election. Joe Reed and the court house gang are not going to surrender so easily.

Reed went up to his office this morning on the elevator furnished by the county. A News-Democrat man accompanied him. The door leading to the entire wing of the court house, on the third floor, was locked but Joe had the key. He opened the door to the whole establishment and soon opened the door to the little office. He had a book open on the table, showing a plat, and he said he was doing some work on it. He was asked what was in the book room. He said he did not know. "I do not know whether that door is locked or not," said he, "for I never tried it."



Then he accommodately tried it. It was locked. The reporter could not get in there. Joe had the key to the whole wing of the building but had no key to that room. That is where the books are and there can be no question about the fact. The books would not be there if there was no intention to use them. Reed and the court house gang, despite the Summer resolution, will hold the county to its contract. Crawford's weak spine will cost the county better than \$40,000.

## A LIVE WIRE.

Creates Considerable Excitement at the Corner of Cherry and Tuscarawas Street.

A live wire created considerable excitement at the corner of Cherry and Tuscarawas streets this morning at 8 o'clock. Workmen were engaged in transferring wires from a discarded pole to a new one. A live wire to which a rope was attached was being pulled over a pole when it touched the trolley wire on the street. A horse and wagon was passing at the time and the wire grazed the horse, felling it to the ground. It was but slightly shocked, however, and quickly regained its feet. As it did so the wire caught the wagon and turned it on end. The occupants, Mr. Henry Mize and Mrs. Ella Sheatzley of Onaburg were in a dangerous predicament but were assisted from the wagon by bystanders. Fortunately no one was injured, though the vehicle was damaged. Other horses tied in the vicinity became frightened, but there were no runaways.

## A CERTAIN CURE FOR PILES.

Safe and Effective in Every Form of This Common and Annoying Disease.

Many people suffer from piles, because after trying the many lotions, salves and ointments without relief or cure, have come to the conclusion that a surgical operation is the only thing left to try and rather than submit to the shock and risk to life of an operation, prefer to suffer on. Fortunately this is no longer necessary, the Pyramid Pile Cure, a new preparation cures every form of piles, without pain, inconvenience or detention from business.

It is in the form of suppositories, easily applied, absolutely free from opium, cocaine, or any injurious substance whatever, and no matter how severe the pain, gives instant relief, not by desensitizing the nerves of the parts, but rather by its healing, soothing effect upon the congested membranes.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is the most effective, the safest and most extensive sold of any Pile Cure that has ever been placed before the public, and its reputation has been secured by reason of its extraordinary merit and reasonable price at which it is sold, all druggists selling it at 50 cents and \$1 per package, and in many cases a single package has been sufficient.

A person takes serious chances in neglecting a simple case of piles as the trouble soon becomes deep seated and chronic, and very frequently develops into fatal incurable rectal diseases, like fistula and rectal ulcers.

Any druggist will tell you the Pyramid is the safest, most satisfactory pile cure made.

The Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich., will send to any address a treatise on cause and cure of piles, also a book of testimonials.

## PROBATE COURT.

Estate of John J. Stanton, Alliance; first partial account filed.

Guardianship of Minnie O. Roof, Massillon; adjudged an imbecile and guardian appointed.

Estate of John Rolli, Sr., Canton; inventory and appraisement filed with petition for sale of real estate.

## MORE JURORS DRAWN.

The last of petit jurors drawn for this term of court was exhausted today and Clerk Casselman drew five more. They are Hiram S. Clay, Jackson; Jacob Daptry, Nimsillen; George W. Wilhelm, Justus; Lyman Ensign, Canton; Nathan Holloway, Canton.

## THAT JOOLY FEELING

"The exhilarating sense of renewed strength and internal cleanliness which follows the use of Syrup of Fig, is unknown to the few who have not progressed beyond the old-time medicine and the cheap substitutes sometimes offered but never accepted by the well-informed. Buy the genuine, Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co."

Rheumatism Cured in 24 Hours. T. S. Blackmore, of Haller & Blackmore, Pittsburg, Pa., says: "A short time since I procured a bottle of 'MYSTIC CURE.' It got me out of the house in twenty-four hours. I took to my bed with Rheumatism nine months ago and the 'MYSTIC CURE' is the only medicine that did me any good. I had five of the best physicians in the city, but I received very little relief from them. I know 'MYSTIC CURE' to be a representative and take pleasure in recommending it to other poor sufferers."

Sold by Durbin & Wright Co., 22 S. Market St.; P. F. Shanafelt, 245 W. Tuscarawas St., Drug store, Canton, O.

## "IDLE RUMORS."

How the Court House Ring Organ Threw Cold Water AND HOW IT GOT HOTTER

As the Facts Were Stirred Up and the Details of the Scheme Laid Before the Public—Interviews That Tell Their Own Story.

When the matter of looting the county treasury out of \$40,000 was first touched upon, the Repository, the local organ of the Republican party and consequently of the court house ring which is running the party, had the following headlines over a general denial:

## IDLE RUMOR.

No \$40,000 Contract Made for County Records.

So Say the Commissioners.

The Promoter of a New Plan for Recording and Indexing was in the City Seeking a Contract, but He Did Not Secure It.

Then the Repository proceeded to throw cold water on the "idle rumor" in the following manner:

The system was examined by the commissioners and it gave rise to the story that the books had been purchased and that the commissioners had employed Recorder Reed to make the transfer of the records and do the necessary indexing. The story carried with it that the purchase of the books and the work of transferring and indexing the records would incur an expense to the county of about \$40,000. A reporter asked the commissioners concerning the story. Both Commissioners Summer and Crawford said that no such contract had been made and that there were no grounds for the story in circulation. "You can say for us," said the commissioners, "that no person has secured from us any contract for any special books, or that we have not employed Recorder Reed or any one else to make a record or do any indexing."

But the News-Democrat was not engaged in the whitewash business and was determined to see that if anyone was robbing the county that the public be informed. Commissioner Summer stated that no illegal contract had been made. He did not say that a contract of some kind had not been made. Commissioner Johnson did not deny that a contract had been made, but insisted that nothing would be carried out. Commissioner Crawford was next seen and he gave the whole thing away. Here is the report of his interview as printed in the News-Democrat of June 24, 1898.

Mr. Crawford has read it and to this day has not denied the correctness of the interview as published. Commissioner Crawford was much worried about the thing when the reporter approached him. He freely acknowledged that such a contract was in existence and that it was signed by all the commissioners.

"See the other fellows about it," said he. "They know more about it than I do."

"But you signed the contract did you not, Mr. Crawford?"

"Oh, yes, I signed it. The thing was in my pigeonhole for a couple of days and I had not wanted to have anything to do with it. The other fellows wanted to have me sign it, and I intended to take counsel about it but I just signed it. I just thought well let the thing go and signed it and that was all there was of it."

"Is the work then to go on?"

"The contract is not legal in my opinion," said Mr. Crawford.

"What about it is there that is not legal?"

"There was no money in the fund at the time it was made," he answered.

"Besides I do not think a contract is legal that does not appear on the minutes of the board's proceedings."

"Then the contract was not spread on the minutes of the board?"

"Now you see these other fellows. I don't know as much about this thing as they do. They can tell you all about it."

And now this same fine set of commissioners come forward months after the transaction and weeks after the books have been delivered and an office set up in the court house by Joe Reed for the purpose of carrying out the contract which Crawford says all the commissioners signed and by resolution and whereas say that the "National Index Co. claims to hold a contract with the commissioners" and that Joseph A. Reed "claims to hold a contract" etc. The commissioners know that the Index company and Joe Reed had contracts. The commissioners seem to think the people are a set of clumps and that all that is necessary is to whereas and the thing will stop. They think they can poke such chaff down the throats of the people. The people have decided to put somebody in office that has the nerve to make a complaint when treasury looting schemes are on foot and not wait until a contract has been signed and the work commenced before mildly whereabouting that it is all a mistake.

## How to Prevent Croup.

We have two children who are subject to attacks of croup. Whenever an attack is coming on my wife gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always prevents the attack. It is a household necessity in this county and no matter what else we run out of, it would not do to be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. More of it is sold here than all other cough medicines combined—J. M. Nickle, of Nickle Bros., merchants, Nickleville, Pa. For sale by all druggists.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

(Owing to a crash of other matter, country correspondence had to necessarily be curtailed this week.—Ed.)

## PARIS.

Sherly Haines is still confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

William Zinsinger of Bank street, Canton, was in town Saturday.

Quite a large number of our people attended the Minerva fair on last Friday.

Mrs. Joe Maier spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. George F. Zinsinger.

Mrs. McMaeken of East Seventh street Canton, visited her sister, Mrs. O. Seibert, last Thursday.

The races at the Minerva fair were the best attractions and the most interesting of any amusements in the ground.

The Uncle Tom's Cabin show owned by C. G. Phillips which held forth in our town last Thursday night drew an immense crowd and gave general satisfaction.

The annual hunt of this community took place last Saturday. There were ten contestants, five on each side. The oyster supper took place at the residence of E. C. Mong in Tolopahok. The losing side paid for the oysters.

## CAMP CREEK.

Services at Cross Roads Sunday at 9:30 p. m.

Fred Beck is treating his home to a few coats of paint.

Frank Whitmore visited at Henry Lonsam last Sunday.

The wash house at the Klondike mine burned to the ground Tuesday night at about 11 o'clock.

## HOMEWORTH.

Mrs. Clara Myers is better.

Marino Reed is improving in health.

A. J. Boss is in Pittsburg this week.

Mrs. Owen Brook went to Pittsburg Monday.

Born to Archer Barnes and wife, a daughter.

Mrs. Hannah Heestand is with Allie's friends.

Mrs. Anna L. Montgomery and her sister, Mrs. Warner of Missouri, are here.

David Johnson, one of our oldest citizens, passed away Monday evening, aged 88 years.

The News-Democrat gave a splendid report of the shooting of George D. Faxon. The people here are greatly interested in the affair.

## SPARTA.

The convention at Melchior was very good. The next one will be held at the Ashbury church next May. Ex-Mayor Cassidy was the principal speaker.

Finlay Lappin died October 8 of dropsy and kidney and heart trouble. He was born in 1825. In 1849 he married Sarah Ann Hammond and they lived happily together until death removed Mother Lappin December 29, 1898. Mr. Lappin was a strong Democrat and was a good talker, very social and kind to all he met. Rev. Shoyer conducted the funeral at Melchior Sunday.

## NEW FRANKLIN.

Will Banker is the guest of his grandmother.

Misses Maude Unker and Daisy Grooms are threatened with fever.

Albert Morris, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Weigel, fell and broke a leg.

Miss Volrig of Nebraska is visiting friends here. She is the granddaughter of John J. Martin.

Rev. Norris, the newly appointed minister, pleased his hearers with a finely prepared sermon last Sunday.

## NAVARRE.

Miss Jennie Linn is slowly improving.

Mrs. Louisa Perl of Mansfield has returned home.

Charles Smith, wife and son Karl have gone to Chicago.

Mr. John Girt and Miss Florence Sichter were married Wednesday October 12, at St. Clement's parsonage by Rev. Berkey.

Three Doctors in Consultation From Benjamin Franklin.

"When you are sick, what you like best is to be chosen for a medicine in the first place; what experience tells you is best to be chosen in the second place; what reason (i.e., Theory) says is best to be chosen in the last place. But if you can get Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Experience and Dr. Reason to hold a consultation together, they will give you the best advice that can be taken."

When you have had cold Dr. Chamberlain would recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy because it is pleasant and safe to take. Dr. Experience would recommend it because it never fails to effect a speedy and permanent cure. Dr. Reason would recommend it because it is prepared on scientific principles, and acts on nature's plan in relieving the lungs, opening the secretions and restoring the system to a natural and healthy condition. For sale by all druggists.

## PERMITS TO MARRY.

Henry J. Bowman and Ollie M. Alexander, Magnolia.

Delbert Akey and Clara Swan, Wilmet.

Henry L. Martin and Laura M. Bergmeyer, Canton.

John W. Girt and Flora T. Sisterhen, Navarre.

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## GET FLESH.

Get Strength, Vigor, Clear Complexion and Good Digestion, Not by Patent Medicine, But in Nature's Own Way.

Any honest physician will tell you that the weak man must get increased flesh; all the patent medicines and cod liver oils to the contrary notwithstanding.

Nature has but one way to increase flesh, strength and vigor, mind and body, and that is through the stomach, by wholesome food, well digested. There is no reason or common sense in other methods whatever.

People are thin, run down, nervous, pale and shaky in their arms simply because their stomachs are weak.

They may not think they have dyspepsia, but the fact remains that they do not eat enough food, or what they do eat is not quickly and properly digested, as it should be.

Dr. Harlandson says the reason is because the stomach lacks certain digestive acids and pepsines, and deficient secretions of gastric juice.

Nature's remedy in such cases is to supply what the weak stomach lacks. There are several good preparations which do this, but none so readily as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which are designed especially for all stomach troubles, and which cure all digestive weakness on the common sense plan of furnishing the digestive principles which the stomach lacks.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give perfect digestion. First effect is to increase the appetite and increased vigor, added flesh, pure blood and strength of nerve and muscle is the perfect natural result.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest tonic known and will cure any form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach. May be found at druggists at 10 cents for full sized package or direct by mail from Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

## WILL ASSUME CONTROL.

Spanish Notified of the Time We Take Possession of Cuba and Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The American commissioners have notified the Spanish authorities in Havana that the United States will assume entire control, military and governmental, of the island of Cuba Dec. 1. The same control will be exercised in Porto Rico Oct. 15.

Very probably some of the Spanish troops will still be on both islands, at the dates named, but Spanish rule is intended to cease then and American rule commence.

## AMERICAN FLAGS RAISED.

Spaniards Sailed From Manzanillo For Cienfuegos.

MANZANILLO, Department of Santiago, Oct. 10.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Spaniards who have been garrisoning Manzanillo sail at daybreak tomorrow for Cienfuegos, the American commander, and a final visit to the Spanish commander, Colonel Parron, at 4 o'clock this afternoon and witnessed the Spaniard bon voyage. The American troops then marched to the public square, hoisted the Stars and Stripes and played the national anthem, where a similar ceremony was performed, also at the post-office.

## A BOON TO WEAK MEN.

The depression caused by certain kinds of sickness is terribly wearing, and weakens and runs you down more rapidly than the physical disease itself. Weak men know this. The consciousness of having lost vitality and vigor, perhaps foolishly, is simply maddening. However, let the victim see a prospect of recovery and the path is away. The vigorous man sees light ahead, sees renewed strength and vitality in the immediate future and is soon cured. But it takes the highest skill and the widest experience to bring this about.

Dr. Greene, 143 State street, Chicago, Ill., the distinguished specialist can accomplish this. He cures the most desperate cases of weakness and debility. You can consult him by letter, free. Write to him and get his advice and you will be glad.

## The Havana Limited.

The first American railroad to announce train service for the special benefit of travel to the West Indies has been heard from. The Queen & Crescent Route are announcing a fast train known as the "Florida and Havana Limited."

It will go into service from Cincinnati to Tampa, Jacksonville, Miami, Mobile and New Orleans. This exponent of the genuine American idea of getting into the field early will be a complete vestibule service, with diners, observation cars, wide vestibules, electric heating, and all the paraphernalia of the modern railroad train. It is chiefly to be marked as being first in the field for the new territory which is just coming under the protection of the greatest flag on earth. Train will make fast time to Tampa and will connect with fine steamer service to various ports in Cuba, Porto Rico and America. It marks a new era in railroading in this country.

## BRIEF PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

Jose-James, Jr., has been arrested in Kansas City, suspected of train robbery.

The Masonic lodge of Honolulu issued a letter advising Americans to stay away from Hawaii as most lines of employment are overcrowded.

The National Council Endeavor convention is to be held at Detroit from July 5 to 10.

Hon. Warner Miller said at Denver that the Niagara canal would be built.

Near Washington, Ind., non-union miners prevented an attack of strikers by drawn arms.

At the Episcopal church conference matters of interest were considered. Resolutions were adopted commending to Bishop Hare of South Dakota on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his charge of mission work.

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Will positively retire from the clothing business in Canton and the facts of the sacrificed prices in Clothing and Furnishing Goods have drawn crowds to the store. Our sale has been far beyond our expectations. The public was not long to see and grasp at a genuine closing out sale where bargains await them just as advertised. And in order to make even a more rapid sale and close out the entire stock, consisting of Men's, Boys and Children's Suits and Overcoats, Hats and Furnishing Goods, Fixtures, Safe and Show Cases, all must go. Read the astonishing Low Prices we quote below. One can not imagine how they can